

Partners in Education E-learning Course Answer Key – Acronym ABCs

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Acronym	Stands For	Description
IDEA 2004	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004	This law states that children with disabilities have the right to a free appropriate public education, including procedural protections and the right to an education that is standards-based. The latest amendments to this special education law were passed in 2004.
IFSP	Individualized Family Services Plan	A written document prepared for each infant or toddler receiving early intervention services. It includes goals and outcomes for a child through age two and his or her family. It also includes a plan to help the child make the transition to preschool or other appropriate setting.
IEP	Individualized Education Program	A written document that describes the educational plan for a student with a disability who is between the ages of three and 21. Among other things, this document guides, orchestrates and documents specially designed instruction for each student, based on his or her unique academic, social and behavioral needs.
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment	Placement of a student with disabilities in a setting that allows maximum contact with students who do not have disabilities while appropriately meeting the student's special education needs.
AT	Assistive Technology	Any item, piece of equipment, or product system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of children with disabilities; e.g., augmentative communication boards, computer input devices, special switches.

ESY	Extended School Year	Special education provided during the summer months to students who require year round services to receive an appropriate education.
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	Legislation giving parents the right to inspect and review their child's educational records, to amend errors or inaccuracies in those records, and to consent to disclosure of records.
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	This 1990 law prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the areas of employment, public transportation, telecommunications, access to public services programs, and activities of state and local governments, as well as those of commercial facilities, private businesses, and nonprofit service providers.